

Shirley Recreation Commission

Meeting minutes, general meeting 7/27/2020 recorded by Jay Duffner

Attendees: Keith Begun, Linda Cournoyer, Jay Duffner, Brad Price

Call to order 5:05PM by chair Keith Begun.

Agenda

- Call to order at 5:00 p.m.
- Phase 2 & 3 guidance
- Finances if available
- Adjournment

Finances

Discussion on accounting of recreation commission finances. A statement of town account balances provided by the town accountant as of 6/30/2020 was reviewed by Keith Begun. Several balances appear to be different than expectations. The Recreation Commission will work with the town accountant to review transactions from fiscal year 2020 to identify areas that need correction. This will be conducted as part of a larger review of financial accounting records in the town, an issue that was addressed at the annual town meeting in spring of 2020.

In a related discussion all commissioners expressed the desire to have the Recreation Commission administrative assistant keep track of income and expenses turned over to the town accountant in order to more easily identify that accounting of finances is done correctly.

Basketball

Linda Cournoyer provided an update on reservation of school gyms for winter Shirley Youth Basketball and Ayer-Shirley Youth Basketball. This season the online reservation system will be used and Linda is working with Mike Gibbons to provide proof of insurance through the town in order to make online reservations. Linda also noted that gym space may potentially be limited by reconfigurations of school gyms due to opening of the school during the pandemic. There is the potential that gym space may be unavailable or limited in some schools but no hard decisions have been made.

Keith Begun reviewed the makeup of the Ayer-Shirley Youth Basketball (ASYB) board. Ayer members include Jeff Thomas (chair), Jeff Testa and Jason Leone. Shirley members include Linda Cournoyer and Rob Daily. Commissioners discussed several suggestions for Shirley's third member and will pursue inquiring as to whether individuals may be interested in the position.

Four basketball jerseys from the 2019-2020 season have not yet been returned, however, their location has been identified and will be transferred to Linda Cournoyer in the near future.

Brad Price restated that he will serve as director of Shirley Youth Basketball (SYB). Keith Begun will be involved with Panther Elite basketball if it happens in the winter.

Soccer

A discussion of the recent changes in state guidelines of the reclassification of soccer as a moderate risk sport was had. Commissioners noted that Mass Youth Soccer (MYSA) and the Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League organizations have commented on the change, but have yet to have time to put together guidance on how youth soccer should be run in the fall. Jay Duffner noted that this is encouraging news with regard to having a fall soccer season, but that not enough detail is known at this time to come up with an exact plan for Shirley Youth Soccer and Ayer-Shirley Youth Soccer. Jay Duffner will explore creating an online registration form for sign up of youth soccer with the ability to not collect payment until a season is assured so that we may gauge player interest. Brad Price noted that we should have protocols in place for what would happen if a player or coach on a given team is diagnosed with Covid-19; commissioners were in agreement with this statement.

Fields

Fields are closed due to dry conditions. Fertilizer and grub control treatments of Wilde Rd. and Senior Center Fields will be delayed until grass growth returns with future wetter weather.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the recreation commission office at Shirley Town Hall at 5PM on August 10th.

Motion to adjourn 7:04PM (Jay), second (Brad), vote unanimous.